



Middlebury Church of the Brethren March 10, 2019

MIDDLEBURY CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN "PROMISE"

We promise to walk in the way of Jesus' love by: Looking for the God seed in all people while practicing healthy processes of inclusiveness, showing grace and honesty.

- Building-up community by showing Hospitality, Equality and speaking truth in love.
- Willing to be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit with our heart, mind, soul, and strength as we grow spiritually and are transformed in God's love, grace and peace.
- Study, Practice, and Commitment to Forbearance* as we search for common ground.
- Joyously Celebrating Life.

*Forbearance:

Forbearance is a Biblical concept.

The Greek words in the New Testament translated as carry meanings of patience self-control, restraint, mercy, long-suffering and the refusal to threaten (EPH. 4:2; COL 3:13, EPH 6:9, 11COR 12:6)

Forbearance does not jeopardize or denigrate individual conviction, but it does place boundaries on the quality and character of individual responses.

Forbearance does not require one to accept what another believes, but it does require one listen and try to understand what another believes without demeaning, personal attacks, or acting to disenfranchise the other person.

GROUP GATHERINGS after Fellowship

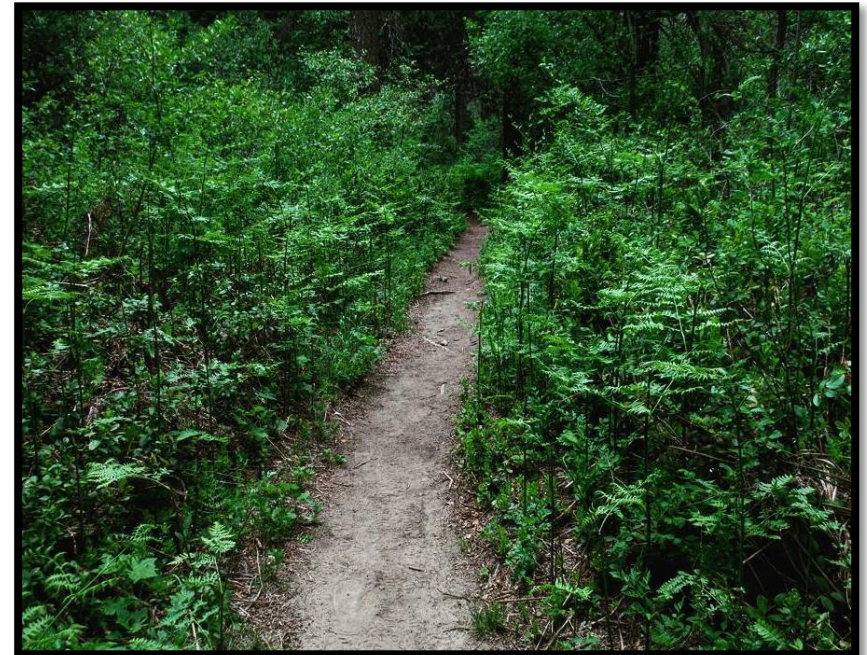
Children under 9 yrs meet in classrooms west of kitchen / Beth Muhlcnickel & Britta Copeland

Children 10 yrs and older meet in Room 401 / Mark & Catherine Roebuck

Adult Group Gathering

*Wired Word & Sermon discussions.....Room #105 with Don Anderson
Beth Snider, Beth Sholly*

Contemplative & Silent Meditation-Rear of Sanctuary.....Self directed



MIDDLEBURY CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

Middlebury Church of the Brethren is a welcoming and inclusive congregation offering Christ's hospitality to the world.

Pastoral Minister – **Janet Shaver**; cell 574-214-6741
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Worship – 9:30 a.m. Sunday School – 10:20 a.m.

NO OTHER CHOICE



We have a Children's Play area set up in the sanctuary for parents with young children. We understand and accept that it isn't easy for young children to sit still throughout the service. The play area is along the back wall to your left as you enter the sanctuary. We ask that the parents sit close to the play area since this isn't supervised by anyone. God Bless the Children.

March 10, 2019
Theme: Journey to new life

Welcome and Announcements Lorie Copeland
Opening Prayer Lorie Copeland
Prelude Sherry Bickel

*Praise Team *Longing For Light*

Candle Extinguishing Liturgy – WL and reader
Hymn In The Bulb There is a Flower #614

Congregational prayer response:

All: Loving God, as we journey through this holy season of Lent, give us strength and courage to move from wilderness to new life. Open our hearts and minds to your steadfast presence and help us to put our trust in you. Amen.

Symbols of new life

Taize Meditation – Jill Weaver

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

You are invited to leave your church offering on the table as you leave the worship space.

Offering prayer

Thank you, extravagant God, for your blessings in our lives. We offer ourselves in grateful response, seeking to live with such compassion toward others that your blessings will flow through us to bless our community and our world. For the sake of Christ Jesus we pray. Amen

Scripture Luke 4:1-13 NT #61

Message **No Other Choice** Pastor Janet Shaver

*Hymn Morning Has Broken #648

***Blessing for the Road:**

May we find the road that leads to life;
may we take the turns that bring right relationships;
may we pause to accompany others on the way;
and may we journey with God through Lent,
and long for the horizon and dawn.
And the grace.

*Postlude

*Congregation stands in body or spirit

New or Visiting.....WELCOME.....Please fill our Guest cards located in the pews and place in the offering place when finished.

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March 10, 2019 Activities/ Announcement

9:30 am – Worship – Pastor Janet Shaver
Worship Leader – Lorie Copeland

10:20 am – Fellowship time

10:45 am – Sunday school Classes –
Classes are listed on back of bulletin

2-4 pm – Pentecostal Church rents sanctuary
Tuesday 7pm – Board Rm rented



Women in Community will meet Tuesday, March 12, 2:00-4:00. Bev Short and Jill Weaver are coordinating the event. The goal of the gathering is to practice deep listening and be creative together. Please tell Bev or Jill if you will be attending, so there can be sufficient supplies. A contribution of \$3-5 will help cover the cost of supplies.

Thursday, March 14th 7:00 pm – Board meeting



FOOD PANTRY Donations are always needed - especially hygiene products and household cleaning products. PLEASE PLACE THE ITEMS IN THE PLASTIC BIN AT THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY.

FROM THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE – With our small congregation, every person absent on Sunday is greatly missed. If someone is missing we always know it and find that it would be wonderful to know if someone is simply traveling or will be away for any reason.

If you would like to let friends in our congregation know you are traveling or will be out of town, there is now a calendar for you to share that information at the back of the Fellowship Hall beside the door.

Please be assured that the calendar will be in the office during any event with outside people; ie: during the community meal.

IT'S HERE!

A Give-and-Take table in the Fellowship Hall for both congregation & community. Bring those items of value you no longer want that may be someone else's treasure. *No clothing, no broken or damaged items, no furniture, etc.* Unclaimed items will be removed after one month.



"Take a Break Thursday" free community meal at 5:30 pm. Please come and enjoy the meal & fellowship. This is a partnership with Faith Mission of Elkhart. **With health issues among us, vacations and travel, volunteers are badly needed to help with the Thursday meal. Please come at 4:30 if you can help with setup, serving and clean up.**

March 17, 2019 Activities/ Announcements

9:30 am – Worship – Pastor Janet Shaver
Worship Leader – Don Andersom

10:20 am – Fellowship time – Birthday Sunday

10:45 am - Sunday school Classes –
Classes are listed on back of bulletin

2-4 pm – Pentecostal Church rents sanctuary
Tuesday 7pm – Board Rm rented



March 17th

Peace & Justice Action Group meets on Saturday, 3/23 at 10am. Speaker Mary Kircher will be there.

Faith Mission Outreach Tuesday, 3/26 at 6pm in Elkhart.

Showalter Family Fund

If you want to contribute to this fund, please put your contribution in the offering plate marked "Showalter Family". **Any** gift is helpful. Thank you!

If you would like to use our Fellowship Hall and/or kitchen, it is important that you check in at the office and put it on the calendar. Any church member is welcome to reserve and use the building without charge; however, we do have liability to consider and need to know when it's being occupied. It's as simple as calling in or stopping in the office.

PROJECT PROMISE EASTER PLAY is here at MCOB this year. The cast and crew are members of the former Goldenrod. Project Promise provides spiritual and social support for persons with disabilities. They have several practices planned on Saturday afternoons, 3/2, 3/15, and 3/23, in addition to Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, 4/9 and 4/11. Their performances will be on April 13th at 3:00pm and 6:00pm, with a meal following.